

eliminating substances adhered to said surface of said substrate from said surface, said adhered substances resulting from the substrate having been subjected to machine working selected from the group consisting of honing processing, nicking processing and mirror finishing, wherein said adhered substances are foreign materials, and

forming a transparent protective layer containing glass by adhering a glass coating liquid on said surface from which said adhered substances have been removed and drying said surface.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-18, 20-24 and 40 are pending in this application and stand rejected. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 3, 4 and 19, which have been cancelled. Claim 1 is independent.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by this amendment. The attached page is entitled "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made".

The Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-24 and 40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over what the Examiner characterized as Applicant's submitted state of the art in the specification on pages 1-3 in combination with either U.S. Patent No. 4,588,480 to Thoma, No. 4,938,850 to Rothschild et al., No. 5,603,338 to Beaty, No. 3,650,861 to Angell, No. 4,525,250 to Fahrmbacher-Lutz et al., or No. 3,969,195 to Dotzer et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and submits the following arguments in support thereof.